LPG Agency in Avantika (Rohini) in West Delhi

775. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no LPG agency in Avantika (Rohini) West Delhi and the people are facing a lot of inconvenience as a result thereof;

(b) whether in view of the hardships being faced by the residents; Government propose to allot a gas agency in the area; and

(c) if so, by when the new LPG Agency is likely to be opened in the area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) to (c) While there is presently no LPG distributorship in Avantika (Rohini), the oil industry will be setting up 4 distributorships in the area, one of which is expected to be commissioned in the next few months.

एल०पी०जी० सिलेंडरों के आयात पर हुई खर्च धनराशि

776. **श्री कैलाशपति मिश्र** : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों (1983-84, 1984-85 तथा 1985-86) के दौरान एल०पी०जी० सिलेण्डरों के आयात पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च हुई ;

(ख) क्या गुजरात के वालसाड जिले में लगी मैसर्स सह्याद्रि स्टील ट्यूब प्राइवेट लिमिटेड की उत्पादन क्षमता और उसके उत्पादों की क्वालिटी के बारे में सरकार द्वारा कोई जांच करायी गई है ; और

(ग) यदि गुजरात की उक्त फैक्टरी से बिना अधिक पैसा खर्च किये एल०पी०जी० सिलेंडर आसानी से उपलब्ध हो सकते हैं तो विदेशों से इनका आयात करने पर बहुमूल्य विदेशी मुद्रा खर्च किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्यमन्त्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह) : (क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान एल०पी०जी० सिलिंडरों के आयात पर खर्च की गई कुल धनराशि का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है :

(लाख रुपये में)

वर्ष	खर्च की गई धनराशि
1983-84	नगण्य
1984-85	1196.89
1985-86	149.61

(ख) नवम्बर, 1985 में तेल उद्योग ने इस एकक की उत्पादन क्षमता का मूल्यांकन किया था ।

(ग) स्वदेशी निर्माताओं के सिलिंडरों की उपलब्धता में बार-बार होने वाली कमी को देखते हुए 1983 में सिलिंडरों के आयात का निर्णय लिया गया था ।

HBJ Pipeline Project

777. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the West German suppliers of steel line pipe or HBJ Pipeline Project has backed out from the contract; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons for backing out by the German firm from the contractual agreement and the steps contemplated by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM

AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Contract for HBJ Pipeline

778. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) who has been awarded the contract for the HBJ Pipeline and whether it was awarded to the lowest bidder;

(b) what are the names of the companies who bid and how much was the amount of the bid;

(c) what were the recommendations of the Gas Authority of India Limited and Engineers India Limited;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Petroleum Ministry had concurred with the recommendations of Gas Authority of India;

(e) what was the necessity to set up a committee headed by Shri B. K. Kaul at this stage;

(f) what are the recommendations of the Kaul Committee; and

(g) whether Government have received complaints from the Italian and Canadian Governments regarding the tendering procedure of the Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The bids received in response to the Global tender floated by Gas Authority of India Limited for the construction of the HBJ gas pipeline are in the process of evaluation.

(b) to (f) Bids have been received from four consortia. The leaders of these consortia are SPIE CAPAG, CONDUX, SNAMPRAGETTI and NOVA CORP. It will not be in the public interest to disclose the details at this stage;

(g) Yes, Sir.

Thermal Power Station at Umrer

779. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been received by Government for the establishment of a Thermal Power Station at Umrer Taluka District Nagpur, from Maharashtra State Electricity Board;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the requirements of Coal and its deposits in that area, for the Thermal Power Station and what will be its capacity?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A proposal for the establishment of a 2x200 MW Thermal Power Station at Umrer, as a pit-head station in Umrer Coalfields, was received from the Maharashtra State Electricity Board. The proposal involved diversion of Amb river for utilisation of the blocked coal below the river bed.

The total coal reserves in the Umrer region are estimated at about 87 million tonnes, of which about 46 million tonnes lie below the high flood zone of Amb river. The proposed station would require coal of the order of 1.2 million tonnes per year.

The proposal was examined but was not found technically feasible and economically viable.